

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W  
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O R 091641Z MAR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3274  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

S E C R E T BEIRUT 1020

EXDIS

FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: IS, LE, SY, PFOR  
SUBJECT: SYRIAN FORCES IN AYSHIYAH

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 1665, (B) BEIRUT 0583 (NOTAL), (C) STATE  
30069

IN CONNECTION WITH REF A, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT  
WHEN FOREIGN MIINISTER BOUTROS NOTIFIED US OF GOL  
AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW SYRIAN ASF FORCES FROM  
NABATIYAH REGION TO AYSHIYAH, HE SPECIFICALLY STATED  
THAT GOL WOULD DO SO WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT TO MOVE  
ASF FORCES FURTHER NORTH (REF B). FLOOD OR REFUGEES  
FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON DURING PAST SEVERAL WEEKS IS  
DRAMATIC PROOF OF ACCURACY OF BOUTROS' AND SARKIS'  
PREDICTIONS THAT WITHOUT ASF PRESENCE IN SOUTHERN  
LEBANON, REGION WOULD REVERT TO CHAOS AND ANARCHY.  
GIVEN THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON TODAY AND  
POLITICAL DAMAGE SARKIS HAS ALREADY SUFFERED AS  
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RESULT OF ASF WITHDRAWAL, I BELIEVE THERE IS NO  
REPEAT NO CHANCE THAT SARKIS WOULD AGREE TO FURTHER  
WITHDRAWAL OF ASF FORCES, NOR SHOULD WE ASK HIM.  
PARKER

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